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REMARKS

The disclosure was objected to because of informalities. In response, Applicant has changed "assay 60" to read "assay 58."

Claim 7 was rejected under U.S.C. 112. In response, claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-8 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guard (4,102,513) in view of Cedillo (5,868,334). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-8 and claims 12-14.

Claims 9-11 and 15-16 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant believes claims are now allowable as they have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the examiner for the allowance of this subject matter.

A petition for any and all extensions of time are hereby made and authorization to charge deposit account 500356 is hereby given for all fees due and owing.

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